

Present: David Short, Fred Baldwin, Sharon Callen, Maria Meneghin, Rick Slaven, David White, Anisha Adke

Staff Present: Bill Baars, Cyndie Glazer, Beverly Ross

Excused: Terry Huber

The Library Advisory Board meeting was called to order by Chair David Short at 7:00 p.m. on May 8, 2013.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Introductions

None

3. Approval of Minutes – March 13, 2013

Approval of Minutes – April 10, 2013

Minutes were not available for review.

4. Public Comment

None

5. Director's Report

Bill Baars gave the Director's Report as follows:

- The City Budget Committee has one more meeting and the Library budget remains as submitted. The proposed Library budget is \$3.5 million which is the same actual budget as 2002-2003. The Library has four less FTE (Full Time Equivalent) staff than it had ten years ago. The circulation has doubled and programs have greater than doubled. Baars will let the LAB know of the budget status after the last scheduled Budget Committee meeting on Thursday.
- A letter was sent to Network about their budget for library support. City Managers attended a meeting on Monday with the Chair of the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners regarding the Network budget and needed support level for libraries. Assistant City Manager David Donaldson represented Lake Oswego at that meeting. Additional help may be requested from library Friends groups and Advisory Boards in contacting the County regarding the need for additional funding for Network per the Intergovernmental Agreement. Baars will keep the LAB informed as the process continues.
- Baars said he often hears the comment that libraries are going away. He said it is difficult to dissuade this myth to those who never visit the Library. Baars shared an article from the Wall Street Journal titled "Don't Burn Your Books, Print is Here to Stay" about the future of books and ebooks. It supports the argument that books are as popular as ever with the sale of ebooks on the decline. Circulation is down for Lake Oswego but nationwide and countywide circulation continues to rise. Libraries have never been more popular.
- Baars and other staff members attended the Oregon Library Association/Washington Library Association joint conference. A lot of good information was gleaned from the conference including the importance of updating policies and procedures. Baars would like to bring the Library's policies to the LAB within next few months for its input and revision approval. One in particular is the Behavior Policy. It is important to have in writing what is accepted behavior in the Library. Another conference session that was of great importance was on disaster planning for libraries. Helpful information was shared on both emergency planning and disaster planning, and the difference. Libraries play vital roles in helping communities during

a disaster event and especially in dealing with the aftermath. In the near future, Baars would like to bring this discussion to the LAB for input.

- LeGrand Olsen, the new Manger of Circulation and Technical Services, is already contributing and the staff is excited to have him here. Baars will introduce him to the LAB at a future meeting.
- Cyndie Glazer was featured in a new column in a monthly mailer from the Lake Oswego Review titled "What is on Your Nightstand" with titles of recommended books. The Library has been asked to be a monthly contributor to this column with LeGrand Olsen featured next month.
- Summer Reading programs are planned and ready for the opening day on June 1. There are programs for Teens and Adults as well as for Children.
- The results from the Community Survey are in and citizens rated the Library very high.

6. Chair's Report

Chair David Short asked David White to update the LAB on its Resolution on the Comprehensive Plan that he submitted to the City Council. White reported that the original motion made by Counselor Kehoe, on April 2, removed all non land use matter from the Comprehensive Plan. At the beginning of the Council meeting, on April 16, when the Council was to vote on the motion, Mayor Studebaker made a motion to amend Kehoe's motion and take out in Items 1, 3, and 4 the words "Remove" and substitute for them the words "Identify for Council consideration"; and on Item 2, substitute the word "listed" instead of "removed" and take out the word "remove" and insert "identify". His amendment passed. White said this still limits the Comprehensive Plan to land use only but lists/identifies the non-land use material to be put in some other document to be reviewed at a later time. People still spoke during Citizen's Comment, including White, but this amendment changed the relevance of some of the comments. White feels the Library will be included with the other Community Culture items, in wherever document that might be. White said the term "land use" can be kind of vague and it is unclear what material would be considered "land use". The Mayor said that 80% to 90% of the Comp Plan is considered "land use". White said with this comment perhaps the Library could be included in the Plan.

7. LO Reads

Cyndie Glazer gave the report on LO Reads:

- The Steering Committee is split at this time on the plans for LO Reads 2014. At next week's meeting, an expert from Lewis and Clark College will come and educate the Committee on what a great man William Stafford was. Some want to do two programs, one celebrating William Stafford in a different month and one in February with a different book. It is not possible for the Library to do two LO Reads programs because of the funding and staff time required. Baars said poetry seems to be the cause of uncertainty. He said, however, several interesting ideas and programs have been discussed that have positively changed some opinions. Baars said Stafford is so much a part of Lake Oswego that we could not not participate. Baars feels that with Lewis and Clark College partnering this event will be a great success.

8. New Business

None.

10. Adjournment

The Library Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Ross
Recording Secretary